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Career center to find home in Engelbrecht

by Stephanie Frame

One could call it a career move.

When May Term starts, the Career Development Center will have a new home in the lower level of Engelbrecht Library, where the media center/audio visual room used to be.

According to Will Smith, director of career development, the office workers volunteered to move out of their space in Luther Hall to allow for the shuffling of administrative offices during the construction of the South Campus Project.

President Robert Vogel and Dr. James Pence, vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty, will house their offices in what is now the Career Development Center while their present offices become the site of skywalk construction.

Smith said the move will take place over Tour Week and the Career Development Center should be in its new home by the start of May Term.

The new location will have more room for students to work and will allow for the center to have its workshops and other activities in the nearby curriculum area.

The new office will also have a direct connection to the VAX system, making it easier for students to conduct a job search using the Internet.

Smith said he is concerned that the new location doesn't have the same flow of student traffic as the office space in Luther Hall.

"I hope students will follow us over," he said. "You've got to go there (the new location) for a purpose."

Career counselor Sarah Haussmann, '96, said the new career center will draw more traffic to the library basement.

"I think people who want to go to the career center will find it," she said.

Kara Whalen, '97, another career counselor, said she thought the Career Development Center would have to do more publicity and marketing to bring students to the new location.

As a way to publicize the move, during May Term, the Career Development Center will give free cool cookies to the first 50 students who visit the center in its new location. Students will also have the chance to sign up for door prizes.

Although not much reconstruction has been done to make room for the career center, the space is undergoing a face lift. The walls are being painted and carpet should be installed soon.

AND YOU'RE GOING TO PUT YOURSELF THROUGH THIS ALL AGAIN NEXT YEAR?— Students line the hallways of Luther Hall during registration on Monday. Some students waited up to an hour in line to register for classes. *Photo by Rob Bryson*

Finals anxiety percolates in labs, dorms; students attempt to cope

by Eric Allen

"I do this every year," said Lara Timmins, '96, a cross-cultural psychology major. Two years ago, Timmins pulled three all-nighters in a row. "I was just brain-dead," she said.

Timmins was in a crowded Whitehouse Business Center Computer Lab yesterday afternoon. She was busy typing one of her three papers due in the next two weeks. Two of those papers are supposed to be at least 20 pages long and the other is supposed to be about 15 pages long.

It's not a matter of not knowing how much work is coming up and when things are due, according to Timmins. She said it just seems like the natural tendency of things to let work build up until it has to be done.

"I've been praying for bad weather so I wouldn't feel so bad about being here, stuck in front of a computer all day," Timmins said.

Timmins prayers were not met yesterday. Sunshine streamed through the computer lab windows, and temperatures hovered in the comfortable 60's. A moderately strong wind swept a student's kite into the air west of Grossmann Hall.

Chad Souder, '97, and Ryan Buckingham, '97, used a study break to get outside and grill hamburgers. The smell wafted into Hebron Hall windows, torturing hungry students who were studying.

Not that these guys didn't have studying of their own to do. Souder needed to study for a test. Buckingham has papers due. But they agreed that food was definitely a priority.

"It's great to get outdoors, away from papers," Buckingham said.

The nice weather seemed to make being stuck in a computer lab especially torturous.

"I want to go to Dairy Queen and then play Frisbee to work off my Blizzard," said Jodi Peterson, '95, who was also in the Whitehouse lab.

Peterson said she has six papers due by Thursday. But she has been through the finals stress before and has some experience handling it.

"I've had some chair races with Beth Rice ('94) in this computer lab and out in the hallway," Peterson said.

Engelbrecht Library was a different story yesterday. About 25 people were tucked away in study booths around the building.

"People got anxious to go outside," said Amy Baker, '97, who was working in the library.

She said a few students had been in during the day still needing resources.

Lee Gilmore, '97, got to the library at 4:30 p.m. yesterday to start researching for a paper for Christian Ethics class.

"I've known about it for about six weeks. I'm starting it tonight; it's due tomorrow," Gilmore said.

Baker was able to find needed books for all but one student. "Do you want me to fail?" the student asked Baker. She hadn't started a paper due today. (Rest easy, though. Baker said the student did end up finding an alternative source.)

Cam Schukneckt, '97, psychoanalyzed why he was procrastinating, not studying or writing papers.

"I'm going to cram all my stress into one day instead of spreading it out all week," Schukneckt said.

Timmins said she felt like she was doing better this year at getting things going earlier.

"I haven't pulled any all-nighters...yet," Timmins said.

But she didn't anticipate getting out of the lab very soon either.

"I'll be here a long time," Timmins said. "People have come up to me and said, "You're still here?!"

Timmins seemed to find solace in knowing that finals stress would be over soon.

"I plan to catch up on sleep and my social life during May Term," she said.

Wartburg celebrates anniversary of Earth Day

by Amy Gehlsen & Rob Bryson

A number of activities and events were held for Wartburg's Earth Week last week, March 27 - April 2, to help the campus celebrate earth month and the 25th anniversary of Earth Day.

"The purpose of the week was to try to bring diversity of issues to campus," Dr. Barbara Dilly, assistant professor of social sciences, said. "It was a huge success in terms of the number of people involved, but attendance was disappointing."

The week began with a creation-centered chapel service last Monday. Pastor Tom Mundahl, chair of the Northeast Iowa Synod "Caring for Creation" work group delivered his message "Called to peacemaking between God's people and creation."

Dr. Paul Torkelson, associate professor of music; Lisa Cellucci, lecturer in music; Jeffrey Snider, assistant professor of music; and Dr. Karen Larson, college organist, performed a Native American spiritual piece, while Dilly and Anita Quagraine, '98, performed a interpretive dance. It was the best-attended event of the week.

Burk Chair in Environmental Studies, Dr. Roy M. Ventullo, was recognized Thursday at a special Earth Celebration colloquium held in Neumann Auditorium. Guest speakers Wayne LaBine and Bill Koenen of Mole Lake Reservation described their efforts to stop the Exxon Corporation's plan to build an 865-acre mine in Wisconsin's North Woods. They see the mine as a threat to the natural resources upon which they depend for their survival. About 100 people attended the event.

A Prehistoric Beach Party storytelling and reception was held Saturday evening in Legends to recognize the State Historical Society's celebration of Iowa's ancient prehistory under shallow warm seas. Guest lecturer was Malcolm Margolin, author of "The Ohlone Way: Indian Life in the Prehistoric San Francisco - Monterey Bay Area" and several other books on environmental restoration, recreation, and Native American reminiscences.

The movie, "Jurassic Park," was shown late Saturday night in Knight's Gymnasium, because it focuses on how technology can corrupt nature. An estimated 30 students attended the showing.

Margolin met with interested students, staff, and faculty last night in the Conference Room to discuss environmental service learning. The group discussed the feasibility of certain environmental projects and how to get students involved.

"The week was fun," Dilly said, "but we would have had more fun if there had been more people engaging in the activites."

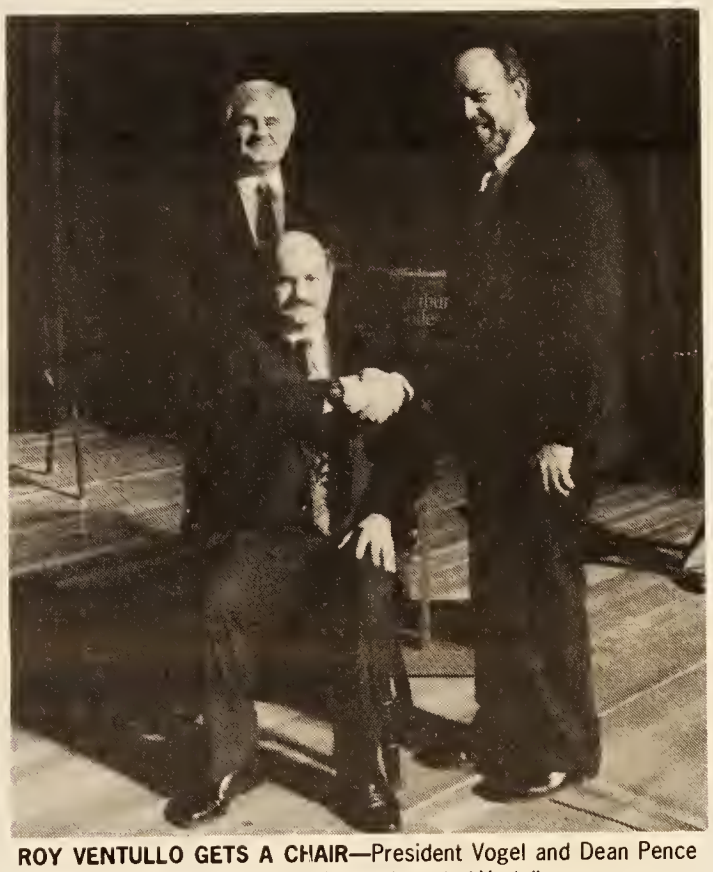
Throughout the week, the art department displayed student and faculty environmental art in Luther Hall, and an environmental issue table and poster were on display in Buhr Lounge.

Dilly said that plans are already in the works for next year's Earth Week, and that a course on basic environmental issues may be offered sometime in the future.

"We plan to approach things differently next year," Dilly said. "Students on campus are still not as aware [of environmental issues] as they should be."

The week's events were sponsored by the Environmental Studies Program, the Institute for Leadership Education, and Campus Activities Board.

NATURAL RESOURCES THREATENED—Bill Koenen, Mole Lake Reservation's environmental planner and tribal member, spoke Thursday at a special colloquium recognizing Dr. Roy Ventullo, Burk Chair in Environmental Studies. Koenen described efforts to stop Exxon's plan to build a mine in Wisconsin. *Photo by Rob Bryson*



ROY VENTULLO GETS A CHAIR—President Vogel and Dean Pence "stage" a congratulations pose with newly-seated Ventullo. *Photo by Rob Bryson*

ARE YOU HUNGRY?—"The day you stop learning is the day you die," was the thesis of Dr. Ann Henninger's convocation address Tuesday. Henninger is the recipient of the 1995 Student Award for Teaching Excellence. The award is sponsored by Student Senate. Henninger asked the audience, "Are you hungry for learning?" Henninger is an associate professor of biology and chair of the Biology Department. *Photo by Rob Bryson*

Engelbrecht to acquire info-friendly technology

by Rob Bryson

Engelbrecht Library will be acquiring new technology that will make information easier to find and use, according to Visiting Assistant Public Services Librarian Kara Pederson.

Resources such as CD-ROM work stations and text databases will expand the amount of information accessible, and services such as the Internet and the campus network will make information easier to acquire.

Starting next year Engelbrecht will begin using the Internet to send and receive requests for interlibrary loans. Pederson said this will be a faster and cheaper way to receive articles.

She said in the future Engelbrecht will have access to text materials that have been scanned into a computer and sent out along the Internet.

"We're moving toward putting out a request at 8 a.m. and being able to receive the materials before 5 that day," Pederson said.

Engelbrecht will also be using more CD-ROM technology. A CD-ROM network will allow access to more information, and will allow students to use the campus network to access information.

The campus network will also allow students to place requests for materials while they are on their personal computers.

Pederson said library CD-ROM resources will be expanded within the next year.

She said the new technology "will make it easier to find information and make more efficient researchers."

Pederson said she hopes it will also lessen student's anxieties about visiting the library and help to make the library a more information and research-friendly facility.

"Technology in the library will support the Wartburg community's information seeking, teaching, and learning," said Jill Gremmels, college librarian.

Down the road is Wartburg's new library. According to Dr. James Pence, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty, the college is currently looking for an architect for the project.

In Brief

HUSTON UPDATE—Two of the three men on trial for the death of Dan Huston, '85, were acquitted Friday, March 24, in Montgomery County, VA. The third man was convicted of first-degree felony murder, attempted first-degree murder, armed carjacking, conspiracy to commit carjacking and related weapons charges. A fourth man will be tried separately on May 8.

Huston, a former Wartburg student body vice president and Academic All-American in track, was killed Sept. 9, 1994, in Wheaton, MD, in the carjacking incident.

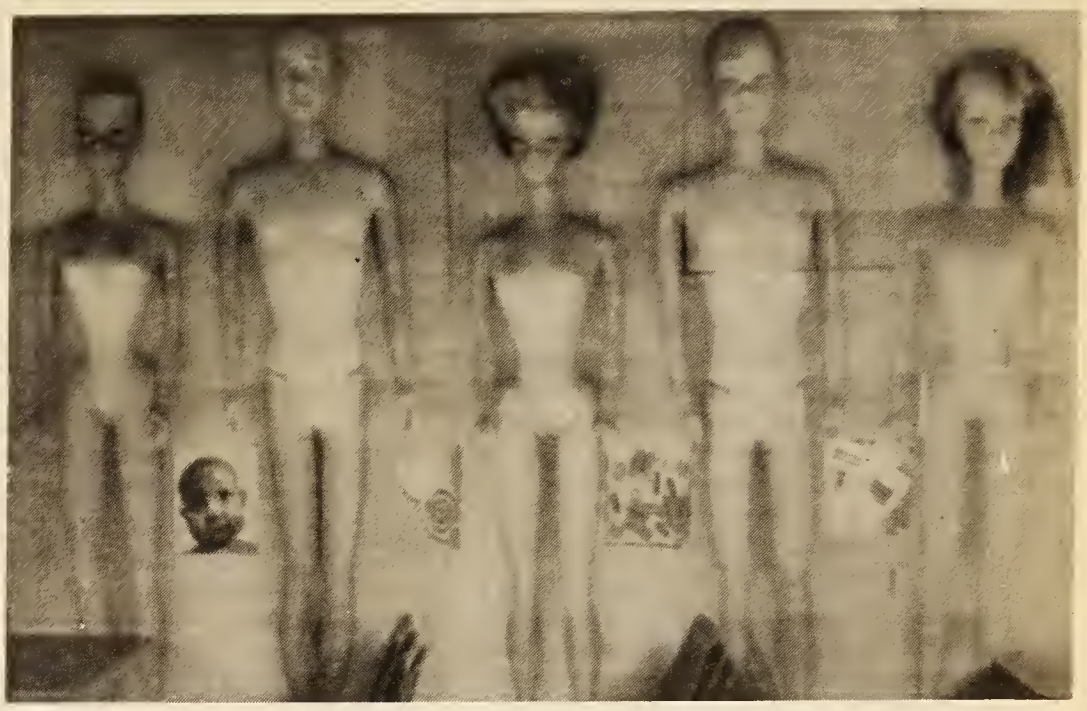
THEATER LETTER GENERATES RESPONSE—Last week's letter to the editor about a theater program at Wartburg has prompted some response by the administration. According to Dr. Lex Smith, vice-president of student life, the issue of the theater program will be brought up at the next administrative meeting sometime this week.

The letter was prompted by the musical production of "Anything Goes," showing off the theater talent and potential here at Wartburg. It was signed by 63 cast, crew, and pit members of "Anything Goes."

Discussion of the issue was put on hold because of the absence of President Robert Vogel on his trip to Southeast Asia.

IOWA BROADCASTING ARCHIVE—Funding has been secured to establish an archive to preserve the history of Iowa broadcasting. The archive will be housed at Wartburg. The award of a $5,000 grant to the college by the Iowa Broadcasters Association was announced by Grant Price, chair of the Communication Arts Department, who will coordinate the project.

SEE JANE RIDE—Jane Ellefson, food service employee, roared through '50s night Tuesday. Snow cones, karaoke and roller skaters were part of the evening. *Photo by Eric Allen*



SEX AND LOVE IN THE '90S—This work by Chad Jennings, '95, is one of the pieces in The Lair some students think is inappropriate. *Photo by Justin DeVore*

'Lair' artwork spawns censorship discussion

by Justin DeVore

The Lair, open for less a month, has been the source of questions regarding artwork that students think is less than appropriate.

Questions have been raised about "Sex and Love in the '90s," an image by Chad Jennings, '95, which was posted in The Lair. Some students view it as unsuitable.

Students have brought questions recently to Student Senate and to the administration on whether The Lair is an appropriate place for this artwork.

Matt Fryar, '97, student body vice president-elect, said he has received comments from a few students.

Although concerns have been brought to Senate, no one has personally contacted The Lair committee about the artwork or left comments about it in the suggestion box.

Dr. Lex Smith, dean of students, said students do not have the right to post any artwork they want in The Lair because Wartburg owns the space.

"If we need to develop a policy we will," Smith said. "Right now we are just leaving it up to the student management."

Alexis Durow, '97, Lair committee member, said The Lair is a good place for artwork of this type because it is a place for students, and there has been no administrative input so far.

The student management hasn't censored any artwork brought down to The Lair. If the administration were to censor the art, Durow said she would view this as a "major violation" of her First Amendment rights.

Another piece of artwork by Mike Stutsman, '97, was removed from the wall a few days after its debut at The Lair.

The image, unharmed, was returned to the wall by The Lair employees. The identity of the person who removed the artwork and the reasoning behind the removal is unknown.

Jennings' artwork had been displayed at the Fine Arts Center Art Gallery before being posted in The Lair. Fryar said that Jennings' image apparently was acceptable there.

"I believe in freedom of expression," Fryar said. "But, I don't know if it is appropriate in every place."

Thomas Payne, chair of the art department, noted that when viewing artwork in professional galleries, the two pieces in The Lair are tame in comparison.

However, Payne said he would support the administration if it decided the artwork should be removed.

"I don't see anything wrong with censoring, there should be some censorship," Payne said.

The Lair continues to advertise for artists to contribute works of art or poetry.

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Editorial

Crunch time causes deeper reflection

It's the whirl and blur syndrome.

Not only are we bogged down by the near future—papers due tomorrow or the projects due Friday, but also by the more distant future—finding that summer job or internship, or for seniors, going out into the career world.

Trying to deal with 60 gazillion futures is challenging enough for us to do. Now with the weather improving, the drive to deal with everything that's due is even harder to muster. Somehow, the desire to play catch, go walking or just goof around outside has much more appeal.

So we try to fit 50 hours worth of work into each 24-hour day.

We're propelled by the thought that if we can just make it until May Term, everything will work out. We look eternally for that time when we won't have all those things to worry about.

Unfortunately, it won't happen.

The best we can do is work up to our own expectations. For many of us, those are more difficult to live up to than the ones others place upon us.

And while we're figuring out those expectations, we need to remember to set goals we can find happiness through achieving. Don't mistake a full life for a fulfilling life.

With that in mind, we can wade through the rest of this term and take a deep breath before the next wave hits.

Hey there:

It's the last *Trumpet* before May Term.
The next issue will be May 1.
Have a wonderful Tour Week.

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Ever-helpful Rod suggests ways to make world better

Banned from the Mixer

Charlie Rod

One of the great gifts of humanity is the ability to look at something and immediately come up with at least 12 ways it should have been done better. In honor and recognition of this gift, I present this week a listing of some of my suggestions for improving the world at large.

There should be some sort of federal law making it a requirement that hot cocoa be served during voting times. It seems only fair to those poor people that sit waiting in lines that they have a refreshing beverage to sip.

Mount Rushmore should be moved to Iowa and the faces on it be updated to Wartburg-relevant icons: President Robert Vogel, two consecutive faces of Christopher Warmanen and a knight's helmet. Then, whenever Mount Rushmore was mentioned, we Wartburgians could sort of smile and casually mention that we went to the college the faces on it were modeled after. I think that would be cool.

Someone needs to start a new form of monastery with the emphasis taken off religion and placed instead on the vows. It would be a sanctuary for those who have given up trying to comprehend the other gender, where they could make solemn vows and swear off them for a while. The monastery would have a clause in it allowing monks to renege on their vows when they felt themselves ready once again to face those who must sit in the bathroom. (Not that I necessarily mean this to be a gender-specific proposal; the idea could just as easily be reversed and applied to a convent. It's just that I have no personal interest in being a nun. Sorry.)

The American flag is just a wee bit boring, methinks. It may be about time to upgrade in shades of purple and hot pink.

It seems to me that someone should recruit a Board of Regents here at Wartburg that recognizes they can only crank the tuition up so high before the benefits of a private college become outweighed by the financial niftiness of a state university.

Campus Activities Board should sponsor a weekly Muppet watching party time. It would be beyond neat-o; they could show movies one week, shows the next, and maybe some Christmas specials and performances from the Henson Four. Lots of potential. I expect to see the first one by next Tuesday.

Daylight Savings time can take a long walk off something relatively short, for all I care. I think that clocks should just be set back an hour every night. Over the course of a month, daytime would cycle back to where it was supposed to be, and we'd get an extra hour of sleep every night.

Musical groups going on tour at the end of finals week should be exempt from finals so they can prepare themselves mentally and musically for the difficult task of representing the college to the rest of the world. Professors should just assume A's for those students.

The music department at Wartburg, in celebration of the hiring of a new band director, should splurge on tubas worth more than a small pile of lint. Anyway, I think they should.

America should designate a national color. Something that the people can get behind, sing patriotic songs about and spray paint on opposing countries' embassies during wars. Green would work well just because so many words rhyme with it—lots of song writing potential. Orange, under the same criterion, would suck. Blue, maybe, or fuchsia.

On a different note, the *Trumpet* is looking into changing its name for next year. The name "*Trumpet*," apparently, is too long. The penny-pinching administration, in an effort to get by on only $1.2 million next year, wants to save on toner cost in printing the paper by shortening the name. I, the good-natured, ever helpful columnist, have volunteered to screen suggestions for new names. So send them to me at either Box 216 or rodc, depending on whether you prefer the mail room or the information niftyhighway.

The Banned from the Mixer staff would like to extend condolences to the family and friends of the squirrel that met its untimely demise under the wheels of the car transporting The Wartburg College Brass Quintet this morning. The quintet is eager to provide any assistance it can—the squirrel is asked to contact them through the Music Department.

Chicken soup comforts found through superhero role play

Road Signs

Sara Aden

Have you had the opportunity to read "Chicken Soup for the Soul"? It's a cheesy but comforting collection of human interest anecdotes reminding the reader that an innate goodness does exist in people. A few of the more poignant vignettes can tug the heartstrings of the most careful cynic.

At certain times, our lives seem to demand that we pay attention to these sometimes trite, but often therapeutic moments, if only to create a little sanity out of our often chaotic lives.

And what time could be more chaotic at Wartburg than two weeks before the end of the term? Thankfully, in the fog of papers and tests, I was offered a little chicken soup this weekend. As with similar anecdotes, the chicken soup came not from an experienced world traveler, but from a five year old and the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.

I spent the better part of Saturday afternoon immersed in the fantastical world of four turtles possessing superhuman qualities fighting evil characters named FootBot and Shredder.

My role was Donatello, the purple masked turtle who is a whiz at inventing faulty weapons. After numerous attempts to fight off the evil Shredder, my young friend informed me that my Netnabber and Cheesesticker weapons were not working and Michelangelo was my only hope at staying alive. (At least I was staying true to character.)

Besides providing a valid excuse for not studying, the afternoon also gave me the chance to be a superhero once again. A time warp sent me hurtling through space to Saturday mornings where I was captivated by the Wondertwins, Captain Caveman, and Spiderman. Or summer afternoons, where I was Princess Leia dodging Darth Vader on the Death Star (my backyard).

I remember the power I felt pretending to be a superhero. I could stop time, freeze my enemies, become invisible, and travel wherever I wanted. I was unstoppable.

Wouldn't it be great if during finals, we could possess superhero qualities?

Crying out: "Wondertwin powers activate! Form of a finished paper! Shape of an 'A'!"

Unfortunately, we can't make a 20-page paper suddenly appear. But something superhuman has to exist in a college student's ability to overcome severe procrastination and cram a term's worth of material into a few intense hours.

I left the imaginary world of turtles, maybe without superpowers, but defiantly with a renewed sense of humor. So if finals and papers are wearing you down, order a cotton candy pizza and yell Cowabunga!

It worked for Donatello.

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Native American spearfishing questioned

Last week, in celebration of Wartburg's Earth Week, members of the Mole Lake Chippewa Indian tribe came to discuss issues surrounding northern Wisconsin and the Exxon Corporation. Exxon plans on developing a copper-zinc mine near the Chippewa reservation. The mine would devastate the environment, and the tribe actively opposes its creation. I commend the Indians on their struggle against the giant corporation but can't help being outraged by some of their statements.

For those few who attended the presentation you may have gotten the impression that the Indians are continually deprived of their rights. However, in recent years the tides have turned and it is the non-Indian whose rights are being denied. In a 19th century treaty, the Indians were guaranteed spearfishing rights. In the spring, the walleye and muskellunge spawn in the shallows of large lakes. While spawning, the fish are rather immobile and are very susceptible to carbide steel spears. According to the Antigo Daily Journal, this year the Chippewa plan to spearfish public (not reservation) lakes and harvest 4,183 walleye.

The issue of spearfishing resurfaced in the early '80s. Since the courts have upheld the Indians' rights, more than 500,000 walleye, not to mention thousands of muskie, have been killed. The bag limits on walleye have steadily decreased and catching the elusive fish is nearly impossible in most northern lakes. Tourism has dropped as a result, ruining the northern Wisconsin economy.

Last Thursday, when briefly mentioning the issue, one Chippewa, William Koenen, asked the non-Indians to recall a Bible story to help them realize why the Indians get these rights. I am a Christian and can recall being taught in the ways of the Lord to never waste. Yet each year, the Indians spear more than 50 percent of the catchable walleye in northern Wisconsin, most of which end up in local landfills. I acknowledge that they deserve food-gathering rights; however, the constant waste is a ploy to antagonize non-Indians. Claiming to be so environmentally aware and accusing the non-Indian of "destroying the land, fish, rice and water," the Chippewa forgot to mention that they have devastated the environment in Wisconsin more than any other people in recent years. They have ruined the fisheries in Wisconsin for myself and my children, yet they still have pristine fisheries on their reservations. Environmentally aware? Hypocrisy?

Michael Koles, '96

About Face

How do you cope/deal with the stress of approaching finals?

Kerry Hertel, '95
"Stress? What stress? I'm a senior. It doesn't matter anymore."

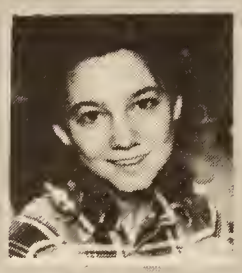
Charles Trunck, '96
"I try not to think about it as much as possible."

Angie Wilgus, '95
"I can't wait till finals week because I only have one final."

Doug Carlson, '97
"I harass people in the computer labs working on serious projects and stuff and they love me for it."

Kim Grimm, '95
"I somehow find a way to get things done, but its effects play a negative role on my emotions."

Brandy Beauregard, '98
"I study and I put it in the back of my mind."



Andrea Beam, '95
"I just sit in my room and listen to really loud music."

Eric Fay, '97
"I stay overnight in Centennial Hall."

Support needed for new hangout to succeed here

What do you do on weekends? If you are a typical Wartburg student, you might answer this question in a variety of ways; you go home, sleep, catch up on homework or simply hang out with your friends. Alas, there is one other common response which would follow this question: "I go to Joe's." As students at Wartburg College, we feel that this response is heard all too often. Too many times we hear, "What are you gonna do this weekend?" followed by, "Nothin', I'll probably just go to Joe's."

Don't misunderstand us. We realize that Joe's is a viable entertainment option. What college would be complete without the requisite bar/nightclub? It is safe to say that in their respective years at Wartburg, most students have been to Joe's at least once or twice. We don't pretend that we are Joe's virgins. We like to have a good time just like everyone else. The problem we see, however, is the utter lack of consistent weekend entertainment options for Wartburg students. We applaud Campus Activities Board for their efforts in this regard, but they lack sufficient funding to offer consistent entertainment options to students. We applaud all campus groups that are trying to do something to remedy this problem. We understand, however, that it is veritably impossible for inadequately funded campus groups to provide consistent weekend entertainment to Wartburg students.

There has been one bright spot, however, in this seemingly barren landscape of weekend entertainment. This bright spot is the newly remodeled and renamed "Lair." Funded in part through CAB and Food Service, the Lair has been able to draw large weekend crowds. Through a combination of student artists, entertainers, food and beverage, the Lair has been able to spark a pulse in the otherwise insipid weekend campus life of Wartburg College.

Will this spark ignite? It is perhaps too early to tell. One thing however, is for sure. If the Lair is to turn into a consistently viable weekend entertainment option for Wartburg students, it will take a lot of hard work and dedication. It will also take a lot of cash. We encourage all students who are disappointed with the current weekend entertainment options available at Wartburg College to write to the *Trumpet* and the dean of students to express their discontent with the current situation and to show their support for the Lair. It is only through these means that we as students are able to finally receive what we deserve—something other than "just Joe's."

Pat Hennes '97
Chris Holt, '96
Jonathan Helmke, '96
Chris Atten, '95
Scott Harves, '97
Trevor Wierson, '97
Andrea Flater, '96
Heidi Herink, '97
Lisa Olson, '96
Shannon Schoenfelder, '97
Kristy Tresch, '96
Nancy Schneider, '95
Sarah Thomas, '98
Nancy Krapfl, '96
Michelle Van Dorn, '98
Latoya Madlock, '98
Chris Cleveland, '97

Career director wonders how to reach students

What does it take to get people to seminars/workshops, etc.? The Career Development Center planned a special Meal Etiquette During a Job Interview Dinner for the evening of Monday, March 27, which was open to all students. We had invited special guests (employers from the community) who were going to be on hand to discuss techniques and offer you the opportunity to network. But, unfortunately, we had to cancel the event. Although it was listed as part of our annual seminar schedule, announced in the *Page* and posted as flyers at visible places on campus, only 10 students signed up.

I realize there is a lot going on at Wartburg College, but I struggle to understand how to reach you! We can't afford to send a personalized invitation to everyone on campus whenever an event is planned. Besides, it wouldn't be environmentally correct. Because we spend time and energy to arrange these events for your benefit, we would like to see as many people in attendance as possible. So let me ask you, as we prepare for future events, what is the best method to reach you? We welcome your comments.

Will Smith
Director of Career Development

Accessibility involves break of physical, mental barriers

Kudos to the group of students who wrote to the *Trumpet* last week regarding the issue of campus accessibility. We strongly agree that substantial changes can be made as more students voice their concerns and ideas on how to improve Wartburg's accessibility.

Besides the physical barriers, mental barriers exist as well. By mental barriers, we mean the general attitudes toward people who are "different" when compared to society's norm. Our culture tends to judge people by their outward appearance and abilities.

Hopefully, increased knowledge of the Americans with Disabilities Act will influence society's perception of the disabled so that we can learn to notice the person rather than the disability. Frequently, we hinder our opportunities to meet many exciting people. Once we overcome our fears, we will find ourselves in meaningful friendships.

Jessica Smuksta, '98
Becca Rietz, '98

Wartburg groups musically explode

Choir, Castle Singers, Jazz Band, and Symphony provide weekend entertainment

by Tim Stockman

The Wartburg campus was rocked this weekend by a virtual cornucopia of musicality.

All free of charge.

Almost every aspect of Wartburg's highly acclaimed Music Department was represented on the stages of Neumann Auditorium and Legends, and at the altar of the Chapel.

The weekend commenced with a dual effort by the Knightliters Jazz Band and the Castle Singers.

Both Al Jacobson, director of the jazz band, and Dr. Paul Torkelson, director of the choir, took time out of the performances to recognize Dr. Robert E. Lee, retiring director of the Wartburg College Concert Band.

The joint concert marked the last performance of the year for the Castle Singers.

The Knightliters will play again on Wednesday at Joe's Knighthawk.

Saturday night was the first of two weekend concerts by the choir in the Chapel. They also sang an afternoon concert on Sunday.

The performances symbolized the inauguration of the Chapel as the "home of the Wartburg Choir."

The two weekend singing sessions were also noted as the send-off for the group's upcoming May Term tour of Europe. This performance was also the last home concert of school year.

The weekend was brought to a close by a performance by the Wartburg Community Symphony in Neumann Auditorium on Sunday.

EUROPE BOUND, HALLELUIA!—Mike Jensen, '95, preaches to "Wake up, Ollie Brown." Saturday and Sunday Choir concerts mark the inauguration of the Wartburg Chapel and the precursor for the group's upcoming May Term European tour.

Photos by Rob Bryson

END OF AN ERA—The Castle Singers closed their performing year with a joint concert with the Knightliters Jazz Band in Legends this weekend.

BECKER DIGGIN' THE BEAT—Joel Becker,'95, cranks out the tunes at the Knightliters' performance Friday in Legends. The Jazz Band worked in conjunction with the Castle Singers for this outing.

THE CAPPER—Sunday's Wartburg Community Symphony concert, "Sonic Sensations," served as the final event of a full musical weekend on the Wartburg campus.

Wartburg Players to present 'Earnest' during May Term

Oscar Wilde's 100-year-old British comedy "The Importance of Being Earnest" will be produced May 5 and 6 on the Players' Theater stage.

The plot centers on two friends, John Worthing and Algernon Moncrieff, who take on alter egos when they are away from home. This gets them into some serious scrapes, most notably that they fall in love with women who only love men whose names are Ernest. The play is a comedy of manners and pokes fun at high society's triviality.

The production is student-directed by Christopher Warmanen, '95, and includes the acting talents of Brandy Beauregard, '98; Melissa Bruner, '97; Dan Digmann, '95; Chad Hageman, '96; Drew Haussmann, '95; Cheri Jensen, '97; Sara Kissling, '97; Warmanen and Sarah Zimmermann, '96.

While the play was originally set in the late 1800s, Wartburg's production will be set in the mid 1960s with its big hairstyles and obnoxious clothing. Anyone interested in helping backstage with sets or costumes should contact Warmanen at -7037.

Tickets at the door are $2 for adults and $1 for students and senior citizens. Wartburg students, faculty and staff are admitted free with their Wartburg I.D.

For current reviews of the stage and screen, read the Trumpet's A&E

Production deals with harassment

By Paul Yeager

David Mamet's "Oleanna," was performed in Legends on Sunday to a mostly student-filled audience, and left some new ideas on what sexual harassment means in the '90s.

The entire play was performed by two people and took place in an American professor's office with a student who came into the office to discuss her below par grade.

John, the professor, is in the final stages of closing the deal on a new house. He is also awaiting a tenure decision from the university.

In the play, John says, "I like you (Carol) because we are similar and we all have problems."

"Your grade will be an A if you come back into my office a few times to start over," John said.

The next scene opens with John reading Carol's claim of sexual harassment. This play deals with how terms are now defined and viewed. John maintained that what he said was all in the intent of helping Carol as a student. Carol saw it as sexual harassment.

The play points out how language and the intent of language now must be defined and clarified.

John then put pressure on her in the hope she will withdraw her complaint because it will most likely cost him tenure.

"How can you deny your statements? You love power and you are vile for what you have said," said "deranged revolutionary" Carol in a statement.

Then John grabs Carol by the arm in attempt to get her to stay and listen.

In the third act, Carol defends her accusations by saying that she is standing up for not what she alone feels, but about a whole gender's feeling.

John contended that he should be allowed free intellectual discourse of thought. He says that he meant nothing, no sexual exploitation.

Carol responded that males have traditionally been allowed to feel elitist and have been a protected hierarchy. John felt that Carol was after revenge for all harassment, but really she wanted understanding.

They have the exchange because they only want understanding.

Just then the phone rang and John is told that he has been charged with rape by Carol.

The main point of this play is to show the power and arrogance that live in our society, and explain why people do what they want to do.

Review

Just cause to see 'Just Cause'

by Joel Becker

Personally, I left the theater speechless.

Was it the caliber of actors playing roles contrary to our stereotypes? The action? The plot that leads you by the hand—making you think one thing—only to heave you in the opposite direction?

Yes.

The movie "Just Cause," directed by Arne Glimcher, is a thriller with an appropriate title. It realistically combines pertinent issues of today such as capital punishment, police brutality, kidnapping and murder—and it frightens you too.

Sean Connery plays Paul Armstrong, an out-of-practice lawyer teaching law at Harvard University. Although this may sound typical for Connery, as the plot unfolds, he is anything but a character similar to that of Indiana Jones' father.

His conservative ways are dashed as he gets involved in the action and language. Seriously...he says the f-word several times.

He is intimidating and unafraid of what lies around the next corner, except when... well, you'll have to see it.

And then there's Blair Underwood, usually known for playing the good guy. That's what we're supposed to think.

He plays the part of a "pretty boy" college student, Bobby Earl, someone who would never do anything against the system. Sure.

In the beginning of the movie Underwood's character is arrested in the backwoods of Florida. He admits to his supposed guilt to the local police only after being beaten and tortured.

This prompts his dear old grandmother to travel to Cambridge MA, to see Connery's character, one of the most respected lawyers of his time — even though he has not tried a case for 25 years. Eventually, Connery accepts the challenge.

I was unnerved often during the movie by the action and the fear of not knowing what was going to happen next. That's a major basis of this film; it makes you think!

So, for the first half of the movie you think you know what is going on and what will happen next. Then, using the same facts, a few things are skewed and suddenly you're in a whole new realm of deceit.

It sends your brain reeling, trying to grasp why or how you were tricked, while the movie takes off at breakneck speed, leaving you shocked and dumbfounded in the wake.

I say again, I thought the movie was scary, but what scares me the most is that everything portrayed in the film could realistically happen today.

Go and see this movie, but "don't let the alligator frighten you."

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Outdoor season begins with a kick

Track teams vault into 1995 season

by Suzanne Behnke

The men's and women's track teams burst into the outdoor season Saturday at the Wartburg Invitational, taking first and second, respectively.

"I was extremely pleased with our performances all day long," said Coach Steve Johnson. "I was very pleased to see the progress of both teams."

The men swept the competition, claiming the top spot with 216 points. Second-place Luther tallied 169 points, and Loras followed with 160.

Luther edged the women with 199 points to the Knights' 192.5. Loras snared third place with 169 points.

Seven teams competed in the men's competition, and eight filled the women's.

MEN'S COMPETITION

The men took eight first-place finishes at the meet, including several personal best times.

Coach Johnson said the men are back in the conference race after a disappointing performance at the Small College Indoor meet. The men finished fourth at the meet.

PASS IT ON—Leah Lenhart takes off after grabbing the baton from Kerry Steege (right) at the Wartburg Invitational Saturday in Waverly. The women and men each won first place in eight events.

Photo by Joel Becker

"This (the meet) has rebuilt my faith in knowing we can be a contender," he said. "We're back in it."

Luther and Loras, however, provide tough competition for the Knights.

"It'll be a battle to beat them," said Johnson.

The 800-meter relay won first in 7:57.43, beating the second-place Loras team who finished in 8:90.54.

Justin Smith claimed the best time in 9:53.71. It was a personal best time for him. Dan Freimuth took sixth in the event.

Jim Thompson threw the discus 143 feet, three inches, to capture first place as well as taking third in the shot put. Chris Reade threw the discus to take fifth place.

Josh Watters placed first in the 800 meters in 1:58.42, and Todd McClain grabbed the top position in the 400-meter high hurdles in 58.23.

Chris Shannon placed first in the 110-meter high hurdles in 15.11. He also placed second in the triple jump and sixth in the 200 meters and 100 meters.

The men's 400-meter relay team also sprinted to first.

WOMEN'S COMPETITION

The women also snatched eight top spots also, including a national-qualifying time in the 5,000 meters by Robyn Olson.

The women's 400 relay of Nikki Kimball, Angie Cornelius, Leah Lenhart and Denise McMillin took first in 49.83.

Annette Edgren jumped to the top height in the high jump, and threw a fifth-place javelin performance.

Beth Holst claimed the highest honors in the 800 with Lea Lucas following behind. Holst took first in the 1,500 meters in 4:57.26 as Esther Dubec finished second in 4:57.27.

"Beth and Esther just cruised the 1,500 together," Johnson said.

IN A ROW—Wartburg's Pat Hennes leads the way as Derek Oden and Jeff Allen follow Saturday at the Wartburg Invitational. The men took first in the meet with the women claiming second.

Photo by Joel Becker

Olson ran to first in the 3,000 meters with Dubec coming in second. She took first in the 5,000 also.

McMillin doubled her top finishes by sprinting 27.05 in the 200 meters with Kimball following in second.

Johnson said he thought the women performed well Saturday, but that the whole team may not be working up to their full potential.

"We can't be comfortable; we need everybody," he said. "A few stars don't get a team championship."

OTHER PERFORMANCES

Other team members toted high standings and strong performances at the meet.

Johnson said Dan Hugo competed well. He contributed second place in the long jump, third in the javelin and fifth in the triple jump.

First-year student Cari Lyle placed third in the 400 hurdles beating last year's fourth-, fifth- and sixth-place conference winners.

"In a couple of years from now, she's going to be star," said Johnson.

He said Edgren and Chad Williams, who sported a new lifetime best at the meet, also competed well.

The teams heads to the Norse Relays this weekend for competition.

Johnson said the teams will focus on setting up specific relays to qualify for the Drake Relays where they can compete against Division I schools.

"We're going to stack them up," Johnson said.

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Softball team bristles for Central

Knights prepare to tackle Central as two of the Iowa Conference's strongest prepare for IIAC race

by Suzanne Behnke

As conference play opens this week for the Wartburg softball team, Saturday's Central matchup looms ahead on the schedule.

The game is scheduled for Saturday at home, the first home game of the season.

Along with Simpson, Buena Vista and Wartburg, Central remains one of the tougher teams in the Iowa Conference.

"We're going to have to play our best ball," said Head Coach Robin Hoppenworth.

"The Iowa Conference is going to be very tough this year," said team member Cara DeBour. "Central, Simpson and B.V. are all going to be tough this year as well as us."

The Knights split with Central last year during their season games. The Knights also tied Central for third place in the conference.

The teams' history thickens the excitement for the upcoming game.

"We always get up for the Central game because we split with them last year, and they are always tough to play," said DeBour.

Hoppenworth said the Knights need to prepare for the game.

"Their No. 1 pitcher is throwing well and they are very aggressive on the bases," she said.

She said the Knights' catcher and pitchers will need to keep looking back at the runners, and the outfielders need to hit the cutoffs.

Coach Robin Hoppenworth

However, team members may have different motivation for defeating the Dutchmen than simply pulling ahead in the conference race.

"It's always fun to beat them," DeBour added.

The Knights also play the Coe College Kohawks on the road Wednesday.

The women start the week coming off a nine-game streak on the road.

"We haven't found ourselves," Hoppenworth said of the season so far. After the weekend, the Knights' overall record stands at 7-8.

The women played the University of Northern Iowa Panthers on Wednesday, dropping two games. They lost 9-0, but came back stronger in the second game, losing 8-6.

On Thursday, the team traveled to Cedar Rapids to face Mt. Mercy. They split the doubleheader, losing the first game by one, 6-5, and shutting down the second with a 2-0 victory.

The Knights took a 2-3 record at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls Tournament over the weekend.

Saturday proved to be the Knights' lucky day despite weather delays.

The team won both games. They bombed Concordia-St. Paul, 10-0, and took a 7-1 victory over St. Olaf.

But Sunday's games ended on a sour note.

"We didn't put a whole game together," said Hoppenworth.

The Knights lost to Division II Winona State University, 9-1. They dropped the last two games against St. Thomas and U.W.-River Falls, losing 8-4 and 9-7, respectively.

"I haven't figured it (what happened) out yet," Hoppenworth said.

She added that the number of runs scored in the St. Thomas' and U.W.-River Falls' games should be able to win ballgames.

"We gave up too many walks and runs," Hoppenworth said. "We've got to get the first out of the inning."

Despite the weekend, Hoppenworth said the team has the potential to still take control of the season.

"The team still has the desire and determination," she said.

She added the team started the season with a tough schedule and that not playing at home can cause problems.

"Coming home on April 8 will be a big relief. We'll be on our home turf," she said.

FLORIDA TRIP

by Scott Harves

The Wartburg softball team saw what they could do last weekend as they traveled to Rebel Springs, FL, to take on some of the best teams the nation has to offer.

The competition is what drew the team there, according to Head Coach Robin Hoppenworth.

"We knew it would give us a great chance to size ourselves up against strong teams," said Hoppenworth.

Of the six games the Knights played, all but one team was ranked in the top 25 in the nation.

"The teams we played were very much the caliber we'll see through the season," said first-base player Kelly Meyer.

The trip started on a bad note Thursday as first-game jitters led them to a 13-1 thumping by No. 3 Allegheny.

"It was a tense moment," said Hoppenworth about the beginning of the game. "After two months of practicing, it was finally time to play."

The Knights struggled against the No. 1 strikeout pitcher in the nation in what Hoppenworth called an eye-opening experience.

"I wouldn't want to do that again in the first game of the season," said Meyer.

Meyer said that after the first few innings, the Knights were able to hit against that pitcher, and they would have hit better if they had played a few games before Allegheny.

Fifteen minutes after that game, the team had to play Buena Vista, the fourth-ranked team in the nation.

The Knights came back from a two-run deficit and pulled out a 3-2 victory.

According to Hoppenworth, the win really lifted the team as they went on to play great ball the rest of the trip. In the next four games, the team only made one error.

On Friday, the team pummeled Hamline, 11-0, then topped their offensive outburst with a 15-3 trouncing of North Adams.

"Our hitters just ate them alive," Hoppenworth said. "We had a lot of extra-base hits in the victories."

On Saturday, the team defeated William Patterson, 7-3, but fell to Illinois Wesleyan, 3-1.

"We didn't do a good job adjusting to the speed of their (Illinois Wesleyan) pitcher," said Hoppenworth. "When we did, it was too late."

After the games on Saturday, the players got their first chance to relax as they headed to the beach.

"I was very proud of them," said Hoppenworth. "I was proud of the fact that they stayed very focused throughout the games."

Meyer said, "Overall, the trip went really great. We learned a lot."

SPORTS CALENDAR

APRIL 3-9

TENNIS—

Luther	April 5
Upper Iowa	April 7

BASEBALL—

Upper Iowa	April 5
* Wartburg Tournament	April 7-8

SOFTBALL—

Coe	April 5
* Central	April 8

TRACK AND FIELD—

Norse Relays	April 8

*denotes home game

Wartburg struggles with losses

by Scott Harves

The Wartburg baseball team opened its conference season disappointingly as they were swept in doubleheaders by Simpson and Luther.

"We just didn't do the things we had to do to win," said Bruce Wall. "As a team, we have to do things to get better."

On Thursday, the team dropped two to the Simpson Storm by scores of 4-1 and 11-2.

In the first game, Derek Hartl threw a three-hitter against the defending conference champs, but didn't receive any help from the Knights' offense.

"Derek pitched an outstanding game," said Head Coach Randy Moore. "We just didn't help him out.

The team struggled offensively, matching Simpson with three total hits.

Scott Harken was the lone offensive bright spot for the Knights going two for three from the plate with two doubles.

According to Moore, Andy Gahan did well as starting pitcher in the second game, but the team struggled from behind the plate as well as in the field.

The offense managed six hits but were unable to muster much of an offensive threat, scoring only two runs.

"Our starting pitchers are making good strides," said Moore, "But we are struggling offensively and defensively."

On Saturday, the Knights fell twice to their archrivals from Luther by scores of 8-5 and 3-2.

In the first game, the defense made three errors which accounted for four unearned runs for Luther.

First baseman Rob Wachholz went two for four including a home run and two runs batted in.

In the second game, Mark Meehlhause pitched nine innings and gave up only two runs in the extra-inning loss to the Norse.

"Mark pitched a great game," said Wall, "We just need to score more runs for our pitchers."

Wachholz and Lane Sires each had two hits for the Knights and Harken knocked in the only two runs.

The defense committed six errors in the game including one that led to Luther's winning run in the top of the 10th inning.

With the losses, the Knights dwell in the cellar of the Iowa Conference with an 0-4 conference record.

"We're not coming into the games mentally prepared," said Moore. "Physically it's there, but not mentally."

"We're never good enough," said Wall."Right now, we need to solve this problem as a team."

The team will host first-place Upper Iowa this Wednesday. Game time is scheduled for 1 p.m.

This weekend, the Knights will hold a five-team tournament in Waverly with the possibility of playing five games in two days.

"We'll use a lot of young pitchers this weekend," said Moore. "Hopefully, we'll play five games and come out on top."

Only seven days until finals and 11 days until Tour Week.

Wednesday is declared "Pastor Trachte Day"

by Eric Allen

Add a new holiday to your calendars: "Pastor Trachte Day."

Federal government officials probably don't know about Wednesday's holiday, but Wartburg College will be having a special celebration.

The celebration is in honor of Campus Pastor Larry Trachte, '66, who was ordained in Wisconsin 25 years ago.

"We celebrate it because he (Trachte) celebrates having served here (Wartburg) for 20 years and having been ordained 25 years," said Ramona Bouzard, director of church relations.

Pastor Trachte Day was declared by the Chaplaincy Council, a six-member ad hoc committee created last year by Wartburg College President Robert Vogel.

The group oversees policy decisions concerning the Chapel and chaplaincy program, according to Dr. Karen Larson, college organist and a member of the committee.

Wednesday's celebration begins at the 10:15 a.m. chapel service. Trachte will be recognized by Vogel in a presentation.

At noon, Bishop Steven Ullestad will present Trachte with recognition from the Northeastern Iowa Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. This presentation will be part of the Dietrich Bonhoeffer discussions and free Lenten luncheons that have been going on for several weeks.

"He is enlivening and encouraging...he has so much love for people."
—Ramona Bouzard

A student reception and short program at about 10:30 p.m. in the Chapel will follow the Wednesday night Eucharist service. Bouzard says the reception is for everybody, not just people who go to the Eucharist service.

Trachte graduated from Wartburg in 1966 and went on to Wartburg Seminary. After graduating in 1970 and serving an internship in Berlin, Germany, Trachte came back to Waverly to be a pastor at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. He began serving at Wartburg as chaplain in 1974.

"He is as caring and sensitive a person as I can imagine," said Dr. Don King, professor of biology. "And he goes to bat for students."

King says students should know that Trachte has a terrific sense of humor. He also loves the outdoors.

Trachte owns two small pieces of land outside Waverly where he has planted thousands of trees as part of the Conservation Reserve Program, according to King, who has helped out occasionally.

King can't remember the last time Trachte's Living with Death class wasn't one of the first to close during registration.

"That certainly speaks well of his relationship with students and his ability to deal with powerful issues," King said.

"He is enlivening and encouraging...he has so much love for people," Bouzard said.

HISTORY REVISITED—Wartburg will celebrate Wednesday with Campus Pastor Larry Trachte, '66, an ordained pastor for 25 years. He has been at Wartburg for 20 years, as this photo from a 1975 Fortress shows.

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Pastor jokester?

by Eric Allen

While interviewing Pastor Larry Trachte's good friend Dr. Don King, professor of biology, for the story above, King said he wasn't sure how students view Trachte. He has serious objections if students see Trachte as serious.

"He has a tremendous sense of humor and is a terrific practical joker," King said.

He relayed the following story as one of many examples:

Trachte and King had a great running joke with former Head Wrestling Coach Dr. Richard Walker.

Walker didn't think there was an animal called a "brush wolf." Trachte and King knew that a "brush wolf" was the farmer's name for a coyote.

A student heard about the running joke and during the winter, shot a coyote and stuck it in a snowbank.

A while later, Trachte and King got permission and sneaked into Walker's office. They propped the frozen carcass up in Walker's desk chair with the coyote's paws resting on a typewriter.

They put a note on the typewriter that had *canis latrans* written on it, the scientific name for coyote.

Schedule of events

Wednesday, April 5

Chapel, 10:15 a.m., *Chapel.* Wartburg College President Robert Vogel recognizes Pastor Trachte with a presentation.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer discussion and luncheon, Noon, *Chapel Commons.* Bishop Steven Ullestad will present synodical recognition from the Northeastern Iowa Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Student Reception, 10:30 p.m., *Chapel.* Everybody is invited for a short program following Eucharist.

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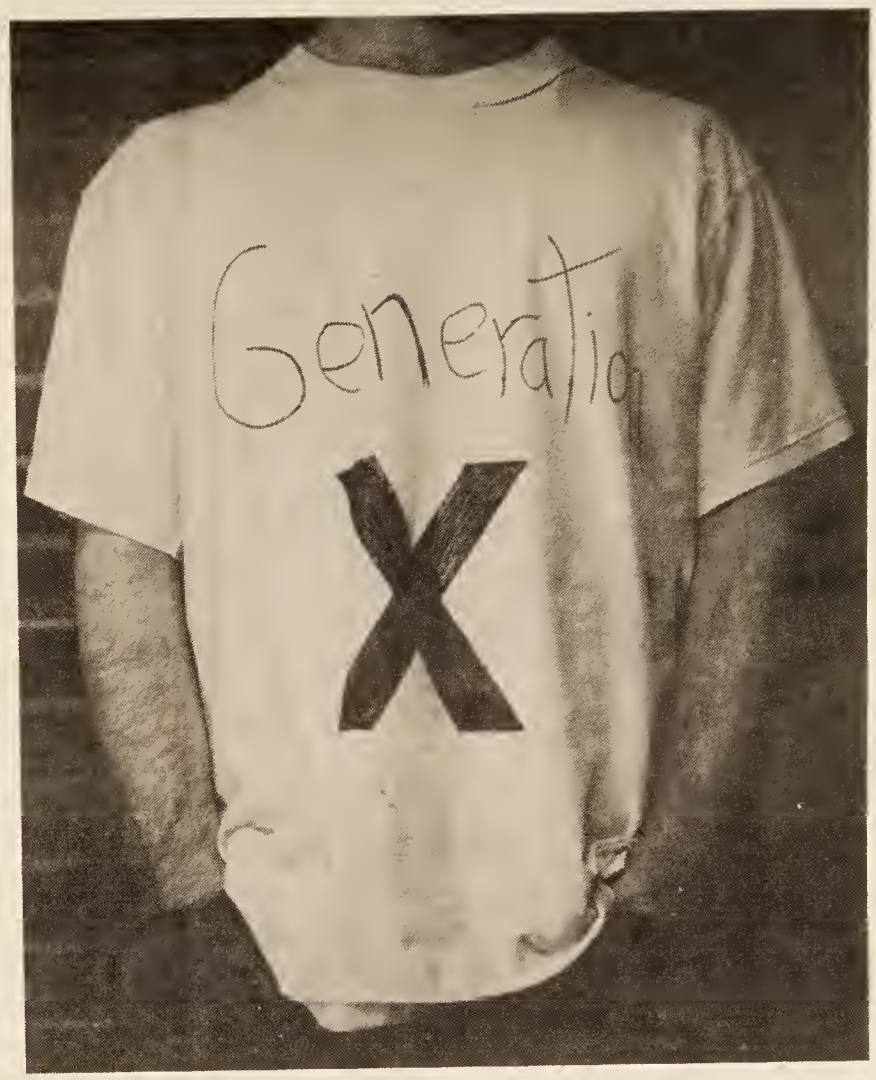
EXPLORING OUR CULTURE

Generation X searches for identity

America's 13th generation seeks to define its soul and find its place on the cusp of the 21st century

by Rob Bryson



DEFINITION OF THE MASSES

No one agrees on what Generation X is.

The most sweeping definition is that it is anyone between the ages of 13 and 31.

The simplest definition is a generation of slackers, whiners or the disaffected.

Some say that Generation X is a media creation: an invention of yuppie-hating, cynical moaners with short attention spans and a preoccupation with the inherited legacy of the baby boom generation—a huge national debt and a polluted earth.

They are characterized as sleeping in their clothes, cherishing bad 1970s sitcoms, sneering at corporate ladders and McJobs and living under the shadow of the apparent death of the American dream.

Others say Generation X is the most diverse generation ever to trudge upon the American stage—it cannot be pinned down, labeled or summed up.

A typical Xer does not exist.

The only thing that can be said with truth about a member of Generation X is that they hate being called Generation X.

Wartburg students express similar opinions.

"I don't like to be called Generation X because you get lumped into that negative stereotype," said Steffin Griswold, '97.

He's not alone. A recent poll on MTV found that only one in 10 young people uses the phrase Generation X.

"Every generation has a name. . . except us," says Kathleen Komiskey, '97, "We're the unknown."

Many feel that in place of the unknown, tags such as slacker or whiner or apathetic have been used to define a generation of 48 million people.

Generalities abound and no one seems quite sure of what to make of it all.

"We're either the dumbest kids in the world or the hope for the future," said Shannon Schoenfelder, '97.

Yet, there are reasons behind the current perceptions of Generation X.

GIVING BIRTH TO X

Members of Generation X predominatntly grew up with violence on television, with sometimes absentee parents and in a less-than-secure job market and economy.

Generation X falls between the baby boom generation, 72 million strong, and the "boomlet" of children the baby boomers are producing.

This diminished demographic influence leaves many members of Generation X feeling powerless and uninvolved.

Generation X's childhood coincided with a rise in the divorce rate, according to the U.S. Public Heath Service.

A *Time* magazine poll found that 55 percent of 18-to 29-year-olds would not like to have a marriage like the one their parents had.

Additionally, in many cases both parents chose to work, and some members of Generation X feel that they raised themselves more than their parents did.

In addition to a sometimes independent upbringing, Generation X also grew up in turbulent economic times. They have doubts whether they will ever have the financial stability to own a home, pay off college bills or provide for a family.

Many of these fears are justified. The average debt upon leaving college today—$7,000, is twice the burden of 1977 graduates, according to *Newsweek* magazine. And the job market is less than thriving.

A *Time*/CNN poll of 18-to 29-year-olds found that 65 percent of those surveyed said it will be harder for their group to live as comfortably as their parents.

The jaded outlook of some members of Generation X may have something to do with the fact that it grew up consuming doses of TV violence.

By the time members of Generation X reached 16, the average had witnessed more than 33,000 murders on television and in the movies, according to Psychology Today.

A Time magazine poll asked young adults, "When you were growing up, what did you spend more time doing: watching television or being with parents?"

Forty-five percent said watching television, while 43 said being with parents.

This is only the history from which Generation X was molded. So while Generation X has somewhat of a shared past, that does not make for a similar present or future.

At present Generation X is still in its larva stage. It will take time before the X is carved into something meaningful.

"We can't be defined yet," said Komiskey. "We should be left undefined for now."

THE GREAT DIVIDE

Generations are not expected to get along — that's why they call it a generation gap.

But nowadays it sometimes seems that anyone with a genuine generational grievance can be labeled a whiner.

And anyone who whines about the state of the world they inherit immediately qualifies for a soapbox and spokesperson credentials.

Not long ago a *Washington Post* headline read, "The Boring Twenties: Grow Up, Crybabies, You're America's Luckiest Generation."

An opinion piece in *Time* magazine written by David Martin, 43, a lawyer and bureaucrat from Ottawa, Canada, said, "I'm fed up with the ceaseless carping of a handful of spoiled, self-indulgent, overgrown adolescents. Generation Xers may like to call themselves the 'Why Me?' generation, but they should be called the 'Whiny' generation."

In "The Gen X Reader," Mark Saltveit writes, "All my life I've listened to baby boomers bragging to the media that they're going to make peace and love, then revolution, go back to the land, create a disco inferno and—in the 1980s—dress for success and wealth. You know what, boomers? You blew it every time, and you looked like idiots trying. Ha!"

The debate concerning Generation X will no doubt continue.

INTO THE UNKNOWN

The future of Generation X remains unclear.

Neil Howe and Bill Strauss, authors of "13th Generation," offer predictions on the future of Generation X:

- The generation gap will grow
- Members of Generation X will restrengthen the American family
- Generation X will be one of America's most conservative generations.
- America's 13th generation will become the only generation born this century to suffer a one-generation backstep in living standards.

Next stop, the 13th floor.

SEARCHING FOR ANSWERS

New ID Course peeks into Generation X mysteries

by Rob Bryson

Dr. Dani Thomas, professor of political science, said he is looking forward to learning about Generation X.

Thomas is teaching a special topic interdisciplinary (ID) course called "Generation X," for Winter Term 1996.

The class will examine the idea that Generation X, encompassing all individuals born between 1965 and 1980, constitutes a distinctive cultural segment of American society.

Thomas said the class will look at the challenges and opportunities facing members of Generation X. The class will make use of popular culture and media to address the conceptions and understanding of Generation X.

Group work and student input will play a big part in the class.

"I need the benefit of their suggestions and contributions," Thomas said.

The class grew out of Thomas' desire to have a greater understanding of young people. The idea for the class is something he said he's been considering for three or four years.

"This is a class where we can carve out time and address certain issues and analyze them from the standpoint of Generation X," Thomas said.

SPEAKING OUT

"We are raising a generation. . . without a future."
President Bill Clinton

"Generation without name, ripped and torn, nothing to lose, nothing to gain, nothing at all."
U2 (Like A Song. . .)

"An unprecedented proportion of today's youth lack commitment to core moral values like honesty, personal responsibility, respect for others and civic duty"
Josephson Institute for the Advancement of Ethics, "The Ethics of American Youth"

"I think it's an unfair label. We have a whole combination of people in our generation."
Catherine Clark, '98

Happy Days

"I bask in the sun. I just walk around smiling blissfully, enjoying it."
- Julie Hoy, '96

Campus Fun

Most May Term afternoons, the campus lawn bursts with sunbathers, Frisbee-golfers, cook-out fans and faithful studiers.

Other students say they like to read, play catch, go for walks or play tennis. The general consensus, however, is that as long as they are outdoors, students couldn't care less what they are doing.

"I nap outside while pretending to absorb one of my textbooks."
- Kristen Blihovde, '97

Summer's a comin'—With the first hint of warm weather, students bring their studying outside.

Photo by Rob Bryson

compiled by Catherine Faux

Temperatures rise, tantalizing breezes caress your winter-pale skin and the yellow sun smiles down on people sprawled on blankets, walking along the Cedar River or playing with a Frisbee.

With the approach of May Term, spring weather is finally drawing students out of their stuffy dorm rooms to bask beneath the sun. Some know exactly what they will do, others are looking for some hot ideas. No matter what your interest, there's a plethora of spring activities for the Wartburg student.

Whatever you do, get outside and enjoy the sunshine. Just remember to attend class once in a while. Maybe you could even convince your professor to hold class outdoors. The possibilities are innumerable.

Area Parks

Tab Ray from the Waverly Civic Center Parks and Recreation Office explained that Waverly's parks have everything, including picnicking, softball diamonds, trees, grass, sand volleyball courts, nature trails and golf courses.

Students can even get a seasonal discount at the Municipal Golf Course, something golfers can appreciate.

For the fishing fanatic, Ray said there is fishing everywhere and "the catfish are starting to come in."

That's good news for that Sunday night cookout, too. Remember to get a fishing license, though.

"I love to golf in the sun. I would golf in New Zealand if they have any golf there. If they don't, maybe I could take up sheepherding."
-Eric Allen, '98

Beyond Waverly

Patty Tucker from the Waverly Chamber of Commerce suggested the Little Brown Church in Nashua and the Spillville Clock Museum in Anton Dvorak's house as possible spring explorations for the history buff.

Horizon Farms Inc. of Nashua, another attraction, offers educational tours on the history of farming, Tucker said.

If getting off campus is your idea of fun, but brushing up on history isn't your goal, road trips to Waterloo or Cedar Falls for shopping or a movie are fun ways to spend an afternoon.

Places to know, numbers to call:

- Waverly Chamber of Commerce, Manager Patty Tucker, 352-4526
- Waverly Civic Center Parks and Recreation, 352-4252
- Horizon Farm Inc., 2750 Cheyenne Ave., Nashua, 276-3106, most park facilities are free
- Cedar Hill Park, off Cedar Lane, has a nature trail
- Brookwood Park, off 3rd Street at east end of town
- Cedar Bend Park, two miles north of town on Cedar River Drive
- Island Park, along U.S. Highway 218 on north side of the river in Cedar Falls, has a Frisbee golf course
- Municipal Golf Course, south of Wartburg behind Waverly Municipal Hospital

In the Works

One of the biggest draft horse sales was recently in Waverly, with 15,000 people attending. It's free to wander the grounds and look at the animals. According to Ray, Budweiser and Disney both purchase their horses at the sale. If you missed the Goliaths of the horse world this spring, the next sale is Oct. 10 to 14. There's a chance the sun will still be shining then, too.

For cyclists hungry for a good trail, Butler County is beginning construction in the fall for a new bike trail on the south end of town. Current trails are Cedar Lane and the trails at Cedar Bend Park.

FOOLING AROUND A TRADITION

by Susan Miller

Q: What is April Fools' Day and how did it originate?

A: April Fools' Day, also known as All Fools' Day, takes its name from a centuries-old tradition among the English, Scots and French of playing practical jokes on April 1. The name originates from the goal of the day—to make fools out of unsuspecting persons.

In France the victim of such practical jokes is called an April fish; in Scotland, a gowk or cuckoo; and in English-speaking countries, an April fool.

In some places, if April fooling is not carried out by noon, it is tradition to call the prankster the "April Fool" for having tried his tricks too late.

In the United States as the 20th century has progressed, April Fools' Day appears to have been observed somewhat less widely and enthusiastically. This year, Wartburg students have been an example of this.

Q: What jokes did Wartburg students play or believe this year?

A: "My girlfriend and I had gone ring shopping before, and she already had a good idea of which one she wanted," Nate Piller, '95, said. "So at 12:30 on Saturday morning I told her I didn't want to go look at rings in Cedar Rapids, so I pulled out a big ugly plastic ring about the size of a bracelet and asked her to marry me. She gave me a pretty dirty look. Then I gave her the real ring and asked her to marry me for real. She didn't know I already had the real ring with me at the time."

"I asked my parents for bail money," said Will Rutledge, '95.

"My parents called and told me my car got sideswiped. I wasn't sure that I believed them or not," Paul Wilkerson, '96, said. "Then my grandparents called and told me the same thing. I fell for it."

Q: Why didn't more people play April Fools' jokes this year?

A:
1) They didn't get up in time.
2) They didn't realize what day it was.
3) They were too bogged down with homework, papers and tests.
4) The right opportunity just didn't come up.

Q: What are some suggestions for jokes for next year?

A:
1) Cover cottonballs with chocolate and give them out to all your friends.
2) Make pancakes with chunks of dirt and pass 'em off as blueberry pancakes.
3) Call your girlfriend and propose marriage.
4) Call your boyfriend and tell him you're pregnant.
5) Tell someone you saw a package slip in their mailbox.